



## Annual Report 2020

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# Migration and Human Rights Political stalemate

Austria and the EU don't seem to feel responsible when it comes to safeguarding the human rights of migrants and refugees. In 2020, SÜDWIND campaigned intensively for a migration policy that is both humane and based on solidarity, for example in September, when the European Union's Asylum and Migration Pact was presented, or on Austrian National Day. SÜDWIND continues to call for the evacuation of the camps on Lesbos and on other Greek islands. Lamentably, in all these matters, political stalemate and blockages continue to prevent any solution.



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Pope Francis receives SÜDWIND campaign manager Stefan Grasburger Kerl

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**Yet there was progress in other areas, even a distinction:** On September 10, the project team of "Snapshot from the borders" ("Seitenblicke von den Grenzen"), a network of border communities, border islands and NGOs, was received in private audience by Pope Francis and distinguished for their contribution to a human rights compliant, solidarity-based migration policy. The project investigated the impact of the EU's migration policy on the local level, i.e. in the participating border communities and islands, and the role of the media in shaping public opinion on migration. The report "Migration at the

borders" ("Migration an den Grenzen") can be downloaded from our digital library.

How do media manage to determine the climate surrounding migration issues in a country? How much of a voice is given to people with a migration background, and who is selected to represent them in media reports? These and other topics were discussed by experts and journalists at the SÜDWIND conference "Medien als Wettermacher" ("media as weather makers") in September. Another

key topic at the conference was the media coverage of migration and flight, the impact of this coverage on different groups of society and the extent of the government's responsibility.

**Migration issues can be handled completely different, as SÜDWIND learned from an investigation in Uganda.** Though one of the world's poorest countries, Uganda's

treatment of refugees is exemplary. With the high number of people arriving from neighbouring South Sudan, the country had to act. Out of tradition, solidarity is valued highly, as SÜDWIND staff member Katharina Nosal witnessed during her visit to the country in February 2020.

**Enabling a both diverse and penetrating perspective on migration is the purpose of the new SÜDWIND Online Talks.**

Experts and interested guests debate on migration and educational (in)justice, the development of anti-Muslim racism since 2015 and volunteering for refugees. Started in October 2020, the format will be continued in 2021 and extended to cover more topics.



## Make ICT fair Call for sustainable public procurement

During summer, a plan launched by Heinz Faßmann, Federal Minister for Education, got us into action: all fifth and sixth grade pupils shall be equipped with new laptops and tablets – a major order for the Austrian Federal Procurement Agency (Bundesbeschaffungsgesellschaft, BBG). SÜDWIND, together with AG Rohstoffe, launched a petition calling for this public money to be spent on fair electronics; the petition was supported by more than 4.000 people.

### We call for the BBG:

- to co-operate with Electronics Watch to ensure an independent audit of the compliance with labour rights and sustainability principles in the production chain;
- to purchase sustainable refurbished equipment;
- to guarantee repairability of the equipment for a period of five years.

Pupils will hopefully enjoy any new equipment, but only in this way are we able to ensure that it will also be manufactured under conditions that are socially fair and ecologically sustainable.

## SÜDWIND Manual on Volunteering

This manual is intended to help interested migrants in choosing the right organisation for themselves. It provides a checklist of things to keep in mind when doing voluntary work, while organisations trying to recruit volunteers among migrants will find valuable tips for fully tapping the potential of volunteers. The publication was produced within the framework of the EU project "STIRE: Supporting the Integration of the Resettled".

The manual can be ordered at SÜDWIND or downloaded for free. Available in German, English and Arabic at:

[www.suedwind.at/gedruckte-materialien](http://www.suedwind.at/gedruckte-materialien)



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## SÜDWIND-Activists – Physically distanced, but still active

Back in February 2020, the “faire coffee cup” could still make itself up for an appearance at the Kaffeesiederball (the ball of the Vienna coffee house owners) where fair trade coffee was served for the first time ever.

Thereafter, many activities moved into virtual space. In August, thanks to a strict Covid-19 safety policy, the yearly SÜDWINDAcademy could take place physically in Schlierbach, Upper Austria: About 20 participants learned about nutrition, migration and co-operatives as well as about regional sustainability initiatives.



## Clean Clothes Kampagne – With the Covid-19 crisis everything changes for the worse

Already in Spring 2020 it became clear that the lockdowns affecting European sales markets were negatively impacting workers in the textile industry. Fashion retailers canceled orders, refused to accept delivery of goods ordered or forced discounts on suppliers. Suppliers closed factories, and workers were sent home without being paid. Protests and demonstrations took place in production countries like Bangladesh, India, Indonesia or the Philippines. Where factories maintained production, work had to be done without health protections. In May, Clean Clothes launched the campaign “Pay your workers”, urging fashion brands and retailers to comply with contracts, to ensure that workers are paid their full wages and to pay for goods received. Unpaid wages in the sector amounted to up to 5.8 billion dollars, as investigations have shown, while many fashion brands and retailers continued to pay dividends to shareholders.

In July, in Downtown Vienna, activists staged a solidarity action to support women



Clean Clothes activists in Vienna staging an action in solidarity with striking garment workers in India

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garment workers on strike in Srirangapatna, India, where a supplier of H&M had closed exactly those of its factories where workers had organised themselves to fight for better working conditions.

The global pandemic strikingly reveals how long governments have ignored corporate misconduct instead of holding companies to account and prosecuting infringements of rights. That's why SÜDWIND is campaigning – in Austria as well as at EU level – for a supply chains law which ensures compliance with human rights due diligence. Together with NGOs, unions and initiatives, we fight to make human rights due diligence a legal obligation of companies. And we won't give up until the workers producing our clothes and shoes enjoy better working conditions.

## „My Revolution 1989“: International youth conference in Vienna

About 80 young people from Italy, Poland, Slovenia and Austria discussed their political demands and agreed on a common Central European Youth Manifesto..



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# SÜDWIND - regional

As a local provider of information on development policy issues, SÜDWIND adds a global perspective to local relationships. With events across Austria, we put the call for a just globalisation on the regional agenda. In 2020, too, we were always on the go - both online and live. A small selection of our activities is presented below.



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## LOWER AUSTRIA Fair Weeks 2020

The Fair Weeks ("Faire Wochen"), a yearly event, took place in Lower Austria for the 19th time in a row already. Despite having to stay at home, many took a stand for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and a more equitable world. The webinars were attended by more than 700 people, looking for information and networking on issues like global supply chains. The focus of the debates was on global solidarity during the pandemic. In 2021, the Fair Weeks will take place from April 15 to May 30. **Save the date!**



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## UPPER AUSTRIA Denk.Mal.Global 2020

For the first time, this successful series of events featured a panel debate. The panelists, coming from diverse backgrounds like climate activism, science and sustainable economic development, deliberated on "Paths towards Climate Justice" (Wege zur Klimagerechtigkeit). The central question of the debate: Can we achieve climate justice without fundamentally changing the system? A lively debate developed, driven by the large and active audience.



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## SALZBURG Meat histories

Working with several partners, SÜDWIND Salzburg has developed a digital tour through Salzburg's historic centre, involving 18 stops all together and focussing on our relationship to meat. Taking about an hour and using tools like quizzes, it conveys lots of information on the historic, local and global dimension of meat consumption: from the butcher's blackboard to mass husbandry, from health recommendations to CO2 emissions and much more. Available online at [stadtmacherei-salzburg.at](http://stadtmacherei-salzburg.at)



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## STYRIA 10 Years FAIRTRADE Town Graz

For ten years now, Graz is a FAIRTRADE Town and SÜDWIND Styria was involved right from the start. In co-operation with the FAIRTRADE Stadt Graz Working Group, SÜDWIND staff members provided information on the impact of fair trade in the city centre. Our activists took part in the action, donning eye-catching costumes to generate attention for the issue.



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## TYROL SÜDWIND Film Award 2020

On occasion of the 29th International Film Festival Innsbruck (IFFI), the SÜDWIND Film Award, endowed with Euro 1,000, was awarded by the IFFI's Youth Jury to the director Shahrbanoo Sadat and her film "Parwesh-gah (The Orphanage)". The IFFI Youth Jury is organised and supported by SÜDWIND Tyrol. This year it was composed of eight youths from various Tyrolean schools.



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## VORARLBERG Outdoor premiere

In October, SÜDWIND Vorarlberg managed to organise the clothing exchange party OUTDOOR as a market in the patio of the Youth and Educational Center St. Arbogast (Jugend- und Bildungshaus St. Arbogast). Tempers were good, there was a lot of coming and going, everybody with sacks and bags full of clothes, punch for warming up, chestnuts and barley soup for the hungry, fire bowl, music and a new chance for lots of hand-me-downs.

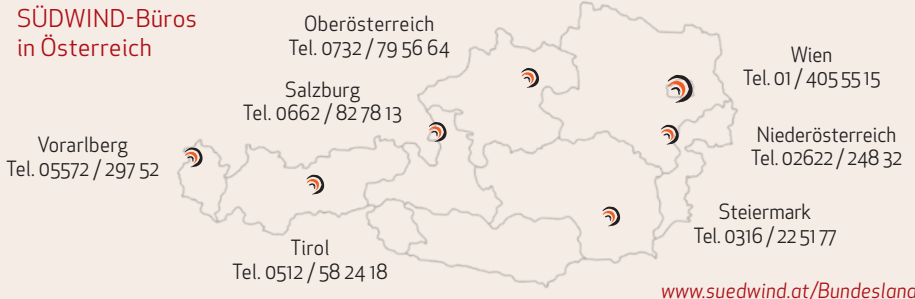


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## VIENNA "Buen Vivir Labor"

In August, Vienna's Mariahilfer Street became the stage for the street theatre group BUEN VIVIR, with five performances of their play "Auf Tuchfühlung". From the first performance at the Human Rights Square (Platz der Menschenrechte) until the final one in front of the store of clothing retailer H&M, the eleven actors brought attention to serious grievances in garments production and to mechanisms of exploitation at work in our consumer society. [www.suedwind.at/wien/buen-vivir-labor](http://www.suedwind.at/wien/buen-vivir-labor)

## SÜDWIND-Büros in Österreich





# Education on global issues: Does it work virtually, too?

**Global Learning (Global Citizenship Education) needs social learning and face-to-face exchange. The challenges posed by the Covid crisis to SÜDWIND's educational work in 2020 were correspondingly huge. In many cases, new methods had to be developed to provide for variety and interaction during virtual trainings, and overall we were quite successful in that regard. And we were confronted with another, equally important issue, the unequal access to the prerequisites for distance learning: Not everybody has a quiet room, a computer, a reliable internet connection and the necessary basic computer skills. For SÜDWIND, overcoming these barriers will be a growing concern in the future. To provide a good and inclusive education, one has to recognise that people have different starting points in their lives.**



Attendants of the course „Global Learning“ at the University College of Teacher Education Tyrol

## Global Learning course Education for Global Citizens

Globalisation, human rights, climate change, North-South-relationships, the global Sustainable Development Goals: These issues of the future were dealt with intensively by eleven pedagogues during the third two-semester course “Global Learning: Education for Global citizens” (“Globales Lernen: „Bildung für Weltbürger\*innen“) at the University College of Teacher Education Tyrol (Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol). Despite Covid-19-related constraints, most of the ambitious teaching projects were also successfully implemented. The course was organised by SÜDWIND within the framework of the EU project “Get up and Goals”.



## SÜDWIND materials – brand new: „Global Education goes Pop“

Looking for ways to approach global issues and the Sustainable Development Goals in youth work? Using pop culture can work, as this all-encompassing methodological manual shows. Comic strips, memes, street art, social media or digital activism are linked to global issues. This educational material was developed within the framework of the EU project “Global Education goes Local”. Available for download in the digital library: [www.suedwind.at/digitale-bibliothek](http://www.suedwind.at/digitale-bibliothek)

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## NEMO – Identifying and overcoming discrimination of migrants in the internet



Digital media are an important tool for the integration of migrants in schools. They help young people in learning the language, settling in their new surroundings and making friends. At the same time, young people may be negatively influenced by fake news, negative depictions of migrants or their poor representation in the media. The SÜDWIND project NEMO involves pupils, teachers and parents working together to learn how to identify and overcome discrimination in digital media.

Based on background research, an innovative toolkit was developed, featuring texts, animations, e-books and video tutorials. It was tested in practice in all the five countries participating in the EU project and is now available for download at the website of SÜDWIND.



## Global Education Week 2020: „It's our world. Let's TAKE ACTION!“

Since its relaunch, the website of the Global Education Week 2020 is shining in new splendour, and it offers new contents, for example numerous creative best practices of schools trying to raise awareness of the SDGs. During a webinar, teachers and youth workers could exchange their experiences on the topic “Global Education and Youth Participation” – and thanks to its online format, for the first time from across Europe! [www.globaleducationweek.at](http://www.globaleducationweek.at)



## A strong and good network

Prevention of polarisation and violent extremism is the focus of “Rhizome against Polarisation”, a European project aiming to reinforce social cohesion and to build a network of prevention workers. In co-operation with the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy (Hochschule für Agrar- und Umweltpädagogik), trainings lasting several days and a university course (“Prevention of violence and extremism through promotion of social competence” – Gewalt- und Extremismusprävention durch Förderung der sozialen Kompetenz) were developed, targeted to prison system employees and multipliers in the fields of education, youth work and social work. The courses enabled participants to deepen their knowledge about their daily work with young people and to try out new methods. Among the further outcomes of the project were a practice manual, six short films and an informative website, which are now part of the training offer for prisoners of the e-learning platform ELIS, a joint initiative of penal institutions in Germany and Austria. In October, at a national round table of stakeholders from civil society and politics, SÜDWIND presented the study “Prevention of extremism in Austria” and an action plan with 58 recommendations for policy makers.



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## SÜDWIND's educational work in numbers

... in a year with many new (online) offers:

More than 120 workshops reaching about 3,000 young people.

Some 2,100 participants at national and international workshops (online and offline).

70 persons successfully completed three multi-semester courses.

About 11,000 people participated virtually during the Fair Weeks and the trade fair ÖKÖ FAIR.

More than 1,000 people listened to the podcast series “Snapshots from the borders” (“Seitenblicke von den Grenzen”). 16 people were allowed to physically attend the debate “Migrationsklima: Medien als Wettermacher” (Migration climate: media as weather makers) – 502 people participated by watching the live stream.

Some 9,000 people visited the trade fair Wearfair&Mehr.

## Bildung 2030 (Education 2030) Teaching and Learning for the Future

Education is key for the implementation of the United Nations' Agenda 2030 and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The Platform for Global Learning and Education for Sustainable Development (Plattform für Globales Lernen und Bildung für nachhaltige Entwicklung) is a new digital platform which went live in 2020. It is a joint project by BAOBAB, Forum Umweltbildung, KommEnt, SÜDWIND and Welthaus Graz, pooling information on the Agenda 2030 themes and providing a wide range of suggestions on how global challenges can be addressed for all ages and in different teaching and learning situations. The platform collects resources and materials from across Austria and offers an overview of currently available continuing education and training for education multipliers. Specially developed quality criteria are applied when choosing these resources. [www.bildung2030.at](http://www.bildung2030.at)



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## Start the change!



Young people from Salzburg, Vienna, Upper Austria and Styria are campaigning for the SDGs in a wide range of ways: Pupils start sustainability actions, e.g. a roundabout clothing exchange (Kleiderkreisel) at their school. Prospective primary school teachers take a stand for climate protection with a dance flash mob in Linz. Students enact street theatre to bring attention to the lack of green space in the town. At the exchange meeting in February 2020, young people from the 24 “Start-the-Change” groups linked up to each other. At the end of September, Young Changemakers from across Europe met for four days in Andalusia. Their experiences and the many great actions during the last three years were brought together on a blog well worth reading: [www.startthechange.eu/blog](http://www.startthechange.eu/blog)



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Approaching global issues through „Theater for Living“: teacher training students during the workshop for participatory theatre methods in September



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Young Changemakers at their information booth during the trade fair „WearFair & mehr“ at the beginning of October in Linz, providing inspiration for the next round of „Start the Change!“



## SÜDWIND-Magazin Now more than ever

In 2020, the SÜDWIND-Magazin kept to its course. Key areas of our coverage, apart from Covid-19, were women's rights and China's role in the world, developments in the Global South, exemplified by the dossier "Rethinking Africa" ("Afrika neu denken"), climate justice with a dossier on air traffic and the Black Lives Matter movement. And time and again, we covered the unbearable situation of refugees in the Mediterranean Sea.

The conditions for journalistic work were challenging. Though the SÜDWIND-Magazin received a one-off Covid-19 support payment, it is the steady pool of subscribers which guarantees this reliable, independent journalism. Thank you, dear loyal readers!

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## SÜDWIND now also on Instagram!

Ever more people get their news from social media. SÜDWIND is dealing critically with these platforms and supports young people in shaping their relations with and their presence on social media in a self-determined way. In addition to Facebook and Twitter, we are now also present on Instagram, with information and videos: You will find the "faire Schoko-Nikolaus" there, as well as current events, petitions, campaigns and new publications. Get on board with us! [instagram.com/suedwind.at](https://www.instagram.com/suedwind.at)



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Our leaflet "FAIRerben ist möglich" contains a discussion of the effects of inheritances from various points of view. You can order it at [www.suedwind.at/erben](http://www.suedwind.at/erben).

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## Outlook for 2021

- Our engagement for climate justice: Debating competitions, Youth Labs spanning several days for Young Changemakers in Tyrol and Styria, climate camp etc.
- Binding rules for global supply chains! Within the framework of the campaign "Human rights need laws!" ("Menschenrechte brauchen Gesetze!")
- We will facilitate meetings, whether physically or online, whether on a large or small scale: in the SÜDWIND libraries, at the SÜDWIND Street Party or during the SÜDWIND Online Talks, which will be continued in 2021. For dates of current events, see: [www.suedwind.eventbrite.com](http://www.suedwind.eventbrite.com)
- The university course "Prevention of violence and extremism through promotion of social competence" ("Gewalt- und Extremismusprävention durch Förderung der sozialen Kompetenz") within the framework of our project "Rhizome against Polarisation" will be offered again from February to April.
- Trade fair WeFair from April 9 to 11 in Vienna: The traditional trade fair WearFair&mehr in Linz, 2021 from October 1 to 3, was renamed and complemented by an event in Vienna.
- Trade fair ÖkoFair in November 2021 in Innsbruck.